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June 27, 2014

The Honorable Kevin de Léon  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 2048 (Dahle)**

Dear Senator de Léon,

I am pleased to support AB 2048, which would make much needed changes to numerous Fire Prevention Fee provisions.

Created by the Legislature and Governor as part of the 2011 Budget, the Fire Prevention Fee charges property owners \$152.33 for each habitable structure located in a State Responsibility Area (SRA). Nearly 800,000 rural Californians receive a Fire Prevention Fee bill each year.

The confusing and controversial fire fee is tax policy at its worst. It should be eliminated entirely, but until then AB 2048 is a step in the right direction.

For these reasons, I am proud to support this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Runner".

GEORGE RUNNER

Cc: Assemblymember Brian Dahle  
Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro  
Assemblymember Richard Gordon  
Senator Ted Gaines  
Marie Liu, Consultant, Senate Appropriations Committee  
Joe Shinstock, Consultant, Senate Republican Caucus